

# Greenhouse Sprinklers Application Guide



S5 SPINNER 9.3 - 25 GPH 36 - 93 LPH

Wine Plate 5°





S10 SPINNER 0.79 - 5 GPM 187 - 1144 LPH

Gray Plate 0°, Green Plate 7°

Black Plate 24°



**R10TG ROTATOR®** 

1.27 - 5 GPM

311 - 1144 LPH



D10 SPRAY 0.54 - 5 GPM 128 - 1144 LPH

Spray Plate 0°



R2000 ROTATOR® 0.67 - 3.54 GPM 150 - 792 LPH

See R2000 Brochure for Plate Trajectories



This document is intended to assist in sprinkler choice and layout for irrigation in greenhouses, shade houses, and cold frames. Nelson sprinklers ideal for this application are the S5 Spinner, S10 Spinner, D10 Spray, R10TG Rotator<sup>®</sup> and R2000 Rotator<sup>®</sup>. Page 2 and 3 provide application suggestions for single structures up to 32 feet (9.8 M) wide. Page 4 provides solutions for multiple structures connected together which form large open areas wider than 32 feet (9.8 M).





## Single Row Applications

### GREENHOUSE, SHADE HOUSE, OR COLD FRAME

When irrigating inside structures or within a specified width, the use of a single row of sprinklers down the center provides the highest possible coverage uniformity. The table below suggests a spacing range and a sprinkler/plate combination for single row (down the center) irrigation for a given greenhouse size.

|  | WIDTH OF HOUSE           |                            |                            |                              |  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| -  | 8 to 12 FEET             | 13 to 17 FEET              | 18 to 24 FEET              | 25 to 32 FEET                |  |
|  | 2.4 to 3.7 M             | 4 to 5.2 M                 | 5.5 to 7.3 M               | 7.6 to 9.8 M                 |  |
| INVERTED<br>MOUNT<br>(60" above<br>crop) | D10 SPRAY<br>Black Plate | S10 SPINNER<br>Black Plate | S10 SPINNER<br>Green Plate | R10TG ROTATOR<br>Green Plate |  |
| Spacing                                  | 5 to 9 Feet              | 4 to 8 Feet                | 6 to 12 Feet               | 4 to 7 Feet                  |  |
| Range                                    | 1.5 to 2.7 M             | 1.2 to 2.4 M               | 1.8 to 3.7 M               | 1.2 to 2.1 M                 |  |
| UPRIGHT<br>MOUNT<br>(24" above<br>crop)  | D10 SPRAY<br>Black Plate | S10 SPINNER<br>Green Plate |                            | R2000 ROTATOR<br>K5 9° Plate |  |
| Spacing                                  | 4 to 8 Feet              | 8 to 12 Feet               | 8 to 12 Feet               | 10 to 16 Feet                |  |
| Range                                    | 1.2 to 2.4 M             | 2.4 to 3.7 M               | 2.4 to 3.7 M               | 3.1 to 4.9 M                 |  |

NOTE: To achieve the expected high uniformity, the following is required: no obstruction, precise vertical sprinkler alignment, no wind conditions and regulated pressures.



### GREENHOUSE, SHADE HOUSE, OR COLD FRAME

The quick pick tables below assist in quickly choosing the best sprinkler type, spacing between sprinklers, and pressure when irrigating with a single row of sprinklers in the center of a greenhouse or crop bed of a particular width. This combination provides the highest distribution uniformity with the fewest possible number of sprinkler heads.

#### SINGLE ROW INVERTED APPLICATIONS - 60" above the crop

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|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------------------|
| WIDTH OF<br>GREENHOUSE<br>OR IRRIGATED<br>BAND | SPRINKLER<br>MODEL | SPACING<br>BETWEEN<br>SPRINKLERS | PLATE COLOR | NOZZLE<br>SIZE/COLOR   | PRESSURE<br>IN<br>PSI (BAR) |
| 7.5 Feet (2.3 M)                               | D10 Spray          | 7 Feet (2.1 M)                   | Flat        | #12 Purple   | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 10 Feet (3.1 M)                                | D10 Spray          | 7 Feet (2.1 M)                   | Flat        | #12 Purple   | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 12.5 Feet (3.8 M)                              | D10 Spray          | 9 Feet (2.7 M)                   | Flat        | #12 Purple   | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 15 Feet (4.6 M)                                | S10 Spinner        | 8 Feet (2.4 M)                   | Black       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 17.5 Feet (5.3 M)                              | S10 Spinner        | 8 Feet (2.4 M)                   | Black       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 20 Feet (6.1 M)                                | S10 Spinner        | 12 Feet (3.7 M)                  | Green       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 22.5 Feet (6.9 M)                              | S10 Spinner        | 9 Feet (2.7 M)                   | Green       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 25 Feet (7.6 M)                                | S10 Spinner        | 7 Feet (2.1 M)                   | Green       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 27.5 Feet (8.4 M)                              | R10TG Rotator      | 5 Feet (1.5 M)                   | Green       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 30 Feet (9.2 M)                                | R10TG Rotator      | 5 Feet (1.5 M)                   | Green       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 32.5 Feet (9.9 M)                              | R10TG Rotator      | 5 Feet (1.5 M)                   | Green       | #12 Purple   | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |

SINGLE ROW UPRIGHT APPLICATIONS - 24" above the crop

| WIDTH OF<br>GREENHOUSE<br>OR IRRIGATED<br>BAND | SPRINKLER<br>MODEL | SPACING<br>BETWEEN<br>SPRINKLERS | PLATE COLOR  | NOZZLE<br>SIZE/COLOR | PRESSURE<br>IN<br>PSI (BAR) |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7.5 Feet (2.3 M)                               | D10 Spray          | 8 Feet (2.4 M)                   | Flat         | #12 Purple           | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 10 Feet (3.1 M)                                | D10 Spray          | 8 Feet (2.4 M)                   | Flat         | #12 Purple           | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 12.5 Feet (3.8 M)                              | D10 Spray          | 5 Feet (1.5 M)                   | Flat         | #12 Purple           | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 15 Feet (4.6 M)                                | D10 Spray          | 5 Feet (1.5 M)                   | Flat         | #12 Purple           | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 17.5 Feet (5.3 M)                              | S10 Spinner        | 9 Feet (2.7 M)                   | Green        | #12 Purple           | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 20 Feet (6.1 M)                                | S10 Spinner        | 9 Feet (2.7 M)                   | Green        | #12 Purple           | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 22.5 Feet (6.9 M)                              | S10 Spinner        | 8 Feet (2.4 M)                   | Green        | #10 Dark Blue        | 30 PSI (2 BAR)              |
| 25 Feet (7.6 M)                                | S10 Spinner        | 10 Feet (3.1 M)                  | Black        | #16 Dark Red         | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 27.5 Feet (8.4 M)                              | S10 Spinner        | 12 Feet (3.7 M)                  | Black        | #18 Gold             | 35 PSI (2.4 BAR)            |
| 30 Feet (9.2 M)                                | R2000 Rotator      | 14 Feet (4.3 M)                  | K5 9° Orange | #16 Dark Red         | 40 PSI (2.8 BAR)            |
| 32.5 Feet (9.9 M)                              | R2000 Rotator      | 14 Feet (4.3 M)                  | K5 9° Orange | #16 Dark Red         | 40 PSI (2.8 BAR)            |

**GREENHOUSE OR SHADE HOUSE** [structures more than 32 feet (9.8 M) wide] For large open covered areas with inverted or upright mounting.

|  |                   | WIDTH OF HOUSE = MORE THAN 32 FEET (9.8 M) WIDE |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------|---|--|--|--|
|  | INVERTED<br>MOUNT | S10 SPINNER<br>Gray Plate                       | R10TG ROTATOR<br>Gray Plate  |  |  |
|  |                   | G   | 5  |  |  |
|  | Spacing<br>Range  | 24 Feet (7.3 m)<br>or closer                    | 22 Feet (6.7 m) or closer OR 22 Feet (6.7 m) between sprinklers and 34 Feet (10.3 m) or closer between pipes |  |  |
|  | UPRIGHT<br>MOUNT  | R2000 ROTATOR<br>9° or 12° Plate                | S10 SPINNER<br>Green Plate/Black Plate   | R10TG ROTATOR<br>Black Plate   |  |
|  |                   |   | ¢  | ¢  |  |
|  | Spacing<br>Range  | 35 Feet (10.7 m)<br>or closer                   | 24 Feet (7.3 m)<br>or closer   | 24 Feet (7.3 m) or closer OR 24<br>Feet between sprinklers and 34 Feet<br>(10.3 m) or closer between pipes |  |

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#### NELSON MANUFACTURES A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS THAT ARE IDEAL FOR NURSERY CROP IRRIGATION

**S5 SPINNER** — The S5 Spinner is a new spinning sprinkler for inverted applications. To install, insert the barb into a lateral poly tube and use a 6-8" piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " schedule 40 PVC pipe as a weight. Use for small, single-row applications. The S5 has a radius of 9-13' and operates at low pressures with low flow rates.

**S10 SPINNER** — The S10 Spinner provides a gentle rain-like distribution of water with excellent uniformity. It provides higher flow rate capacity allowing the use of high application rates.

**D10 SPRAY** — The D10 Spray has no moving parts. It is a long radius spray for irrigation and misting.

**R10TG, R2000, AND R2000WF ROTATORS**® — Rotator<sup>®</sup> sprinklers provide the advantage of increased radius which allows coverage of a 30 foot greenhouse with a single row of sprinklers with the R10TG and higher uniformity in outdoor can yards.

**PRESSURE REGULATORS** — For pressure regulation at the beginning of an irrigation zone. Normally one is installed per greenhouse. The pressure regulator in effect evens flow from house to house which improves uniformity and allows more precise irrigation scheduling.

**MINI REGULATOR DRAIN CHECK** — The Mini Regulator Drain Check is installed one per sprinkler. It provides all the benefits of a pressure regulator and prevents dripping and drainage when the system is turned off.



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